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PCT/EP00/03860

Filed:

5 November 2001

For:

DEVICE FOR PERFORMING

ANALYSES ON CELL CULTURES

Group:

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Examiner:

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RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)
TO ACCEPT DECLARATION ON BEHALF
OF INVENTOR WHO REFUSES TO SIGN

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Sir:

Applicant hereby renew its November 7, 2002 petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) to accept the signed Declaration and Power of Attorney of the remaining inventors besides Bernhard Wolf, who refuses to sign the declaration. Following a June 2, 2003 decision on applicant's petition, applicant has not yet secured the signature of Dr. Wolf. To that end, the Applicant is gathering the proof required by 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)(2) but does not yet have such proof.

That being the case, applicant's attorney appreciated that Examiner Baccares took the time to discuss the case on July 29, 2003. during that conversation, Examiner

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Baccares stated that the applicant had two options: file for a retroactive time extension when the documents are received or file the present request. Examiner stated that by filing the renewed request that is partially responsive to the June 2, 2003 petition denial, he would deny the renewed petition and set another two month time limit to renew the request again. Based on the Examiner's advice, this is the course of action the applicant has chosen. What follows is the renewed petition.

According to the June 2, 2003 denial, one of the four requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) was met. That was the fee requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)(1). Accordingly, a new fee is not submitted with this renewed petition.

Following entry of this renewed petition, requirements 3 and 4 are also believed to be met.

37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)(3). The last known address of Dr. Wolf is:

Heinz-Nixdorf Lehrstühl für medizinische Electronik Technische Univerität München Theresienstrasse 90 80333 Munich Germany

37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)(4). The petition denial states that the Declaration is defective since it appears that not all of the inventors received the entire declaration. This conclusion was supported by the fact that the Declaration pages are labeled in order "page 1 of 2", "page 2 of 2", "page 3 of 4", and "page 4 of 4". Based on this confusing numbering, the Examiner concluded that the people who signed on page 2 and pages 3 and 4 may not have seen the entire declaration. This is not the case. The bottom of

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page 2 specifically states that the Declaration has "2 Supplemental Additional Inventor(s) Sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto."

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Submitted herewith in support of the renewed petition is the documentation that supported the original petition including the Declaration and Power of Attorney (submitted with the accompanying response to Notice to File Missing Parts) signed by all of the inventors of the above application, except that the signature space for the inventor who refuses to sign, Dr. Wolf, has been left blank.

Although Dr. Wolf may eventually be persuaded to join in the above application, this petition is being filed and the application is being made by the other inventors on behalf of themselves and the non-signing inventor, because of the time for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371, and so as not to

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jeopardize the filing date or any other rights of the inventors and the Assignee in the present application.

The Assignee has diligently attempted to contact Dr. Wolf since prior to November 6, 2001 in order to have the required inventor Declaration for this application signed, and has been unsuccessful to date in obtaining his signature after diligent efforts. Accordingly, grant of this renewed petition and further processing of the application are respectfully requested, or alternatively, denying this petition but inviting the applicant more time to respond is also requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions that he believes could be more efficiently addressed on the telephone, applicant welcomes the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- · Priority Document
- Copy of Annexes to the IPE
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination
- Substitute Specification

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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